

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, no-kill is a community philosophy and commitment to saving every healthy or treatable dog and cat in a shelter who can be saved, and to ensuring that at least 90% of the companion animals that enter shelters leave them alive; and

**Whereas**, many loving and healthy animals are waiting for homes in shelters and rescues throughout Oklahoma, and many Oklahoma shelters implement proven programs and policies to provide alternatives to the unnecessary killing of dogs and cats; and

**Whereas**, adoption provides dogs and cats with a second chance at life and helps reduce the strain on overcrowded shelters, and promoting pet adoption supports animal welfare and encourages responsible pet ownership within the community; and

**Whereas**, Oklahomans should work together to achieve No-Kill in Oklahoma in 2025; and

**Whereas**, animal shelters can do this by employing lifesaving programs such as foster care networks; adoption programs; medical and behavioral programs; public education and awareness programs; community cat trap, neuter, vaccinate, and return programs; and animal socialization programs to prioritize lifesaving;

**Now Therefore**, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim  
August 2025, as

**“No-Kill Animal Shelter Month”**

in the State of Oklahoma

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused  
the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*



*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma  
City, this sixteenth day of July, in the  
Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-five,  
and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred  
and seventeenth year.*

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR